Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 18 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 19 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 17 Jan 2023 at 16:25 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High becoming Medium in detail from Saturday.

Headline for Wednesday 18 Jan 2023: Cold and windy with snow showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 18 Jan 2023

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	50%	50%	30%	50%	50%	70%

Forecast for Wednesday 18 Jan 2023

Weather: Scattered snow showers and clear spells overnight. The showers possibly merging for a time into some longer outbreaks of snow across Ben Nevis and the north during the morning, but mainly scattered elsewhere with bright or sunny spells. Snow drifting and blowing in the strong to gale force winds with temporary blizzard conditions. Scattered snow showers continuing in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%, falling 30% for a time in the north during the morning.

Low Cloud and visibility: Occasional or extensive cloud, bases 600 to 900m at times, particularly in the north through the morning, lifting and breaking around the summits at times. Visibility poor or very poor in snow and cloud, otherwise very good.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	40/47 N	34/40 N	32/39 N	36/43 N	31/39 N	30/37 N	30/36 NW	24/30 W	22/28 W
900	19/25 N	16/23 NW	18/24 N	20/27 N	19/26 N	17/24 NW	15/21 NW	14/20 W	14/19 W
600	21/25 NE	15/20 S	18/23 NE	19/25 N	16/22 N	16/22 N	13/19 NE	15/20 SW	13/18 SW
300	8/11 W	8/12 W	8/12 N	9/14 NW	10/15 NW	9/14 N	7/11 NW	7/12 SW	7/12 SW
Glen	5/14 NW	4/8 N	3/8 NE	7/15 N	7/16 NW	6/14 NW	4/9 W	6/13 W	4/9 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-7/-19	-7/-18	-7/-17	-7/-18	-8/-19	-8/-19	-9/-20	-9/-19	-9/-18
900	-4/-12	-5/-12	-4/-12	-4/-12	-5/-13	-5/-13	-6/-14	-7/-14	-7/-14
600	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-9	-2/-9	-2/-9	-3/-10	-4/-10	-4/-11	-4/-10
300	-0/-4	0/-4	0/-4	-0/-4	0/-4	-0/-5	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-6
Glen	1/-2	1/-1	1/-1	2/-1	2/-1	2/-1	-1/-3	-0/-4	0/-2
Freezing Level*	100m	100m	200m	200m	100m	100m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Expect full winter hazards.

Forecast for Thursday 19 Jan 2023
Weather: Patchy cloud and scattered snow showers. The snow showers becoming lighter and more scattered during daylight hours, most likely around Ben Nevis and Glen Coe in the north, best of the drier, brighter conditions though the Trossachs. Often dry with clear spells and only isolated light snow showers in the evening.

Maximum wind: Northwest 25mph gusting 35mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50-80%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Occasional or extensive cloud, bases 800 to 1000m at times, particularly through the morning in the north, lifting and breaking near or above the summits at times. Visibility poor or very poor in snow and cloud, otherwise very good.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero to Minus 10 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 3 to Minus 6 Celsius
Freezing level: All levels

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